



THE RAMS HORN

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Metro Milwaukee Area Franklin, WI Founded Nov. 6, 1980

AMA—Academy of Model Aeronautics Club #1264, Operating for Public Benefit, Milwaukee County RC Flying Field, S.70 & W. Oakwood Rd.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009 – 7PM
WaterStone Savings Bank, 6560 S. 27th Street
(formerly Wauwatosa Savings Bank)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Tom Ryan

How Are We Doing? 2010 planning! Yup, We are already looking at several new ideas and projects being offered for consideration. Fourteen officers and club members gathered on October. 13th to kick around ideas. One is "**more membership involvement in projects and more division of the events so that everyone can join in and be part of that process.**" We have members saying, "*what can I do to help?*" In some cases they can lend a hand on clean up crews or use their personal expertise where needed. Some can make suggestions on a better way of solving a problem based on their history of that problem. Example: mechanical assistance on small engines. We may have a small engine mechanic among us. Others can be problem solvers because they are a building contractor, a tradesman, have sales or marketing savvy, or even an engineer. We have a vast wealth of knowledge not being considered, but should, to the benefit of all. A win-win!

Parking Made Safer: One such change you'll soon notice is relocation of the handicap parking, and adding a Loading Zone space. Prior Handicap space along the east fence forced the pilot to be turning near the bleachers to face south, the van ramp exiting westerly into an active driving lane. The new NW location along the west fence, if backed into, places the van ramp safely to its west, and the rear of the vehicle close to the pit tables. The Loading Zone will be just west of the bleachers. Pilots can

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unload and later reload close to the tables, and avoid the present dangerous queuing near the bleachers.

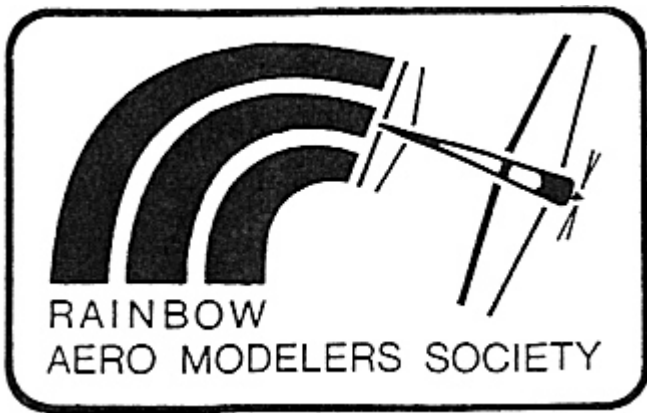
What's Next? Our December 2nd Awards Night and nominations for officers! After we get the nominations and club business taken care of, we'll jump into the fun part, that being the awards and the poking fun at those who crashed and those who... well, "had tree's jump out in front of them!" There'll be refreshments and a **free** ticket handed to each member in attendance, giving all a chance to win a really nice door prize! This will be a meeting filled with fun and good humor for everyone.

2010 What's Ahead? Many of our 2009 field improvements are complete and we're looking pretty good for 2010. It should be a "**super year!**" At the November meeting, we'll discuss some ideas on what we'd like to see to further improve the field. That includes the erosion and settlement rough spots that come from snow melt and flood waters. Let's face it, we're on a landfill, in a flood zone.

We have a chance to replace two of our very old donated garden-type riding mowers with one new sale-price Cub Cadet, 50 incher, having a quality 22 hsp. Kohler engine, and hydrostatic transmission. Its 3-year warranty would give relief from repair costs. Hope to see you next meeting. Until then take care.

Pilot Profile: Rick Weiner

(Read past 55 profiles at www.rcslot.com/rams)



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Happenings at the Meeting

RAMS Club, October 7, 2009

by Craig R. Manka, Secty.-Treas.

Photos and some notes by Russell Knetzger, Editor

Membership has again increased, this time from 103 on the August Membership Roster to 105. It was 66 this past winter. Soloed pilots also increased this month, with Chuck Beauchamp being the newest, and Don Finney advancing to jet turbine. Similarly, field licenses are still rising, with 125 end of last year, and 4 more since September, to 137. Past all time highs are believed to be 130-135. Club attendance usually hovers around 30 each meeting, but was 41 in October.

At the October meeting James Bennett, age 11, our newest and youngest member, was introduced, brought by this mother.

Field manager Bob Kabella requested volunteers to work Saturday 10/10/09 from 9AM to Noon, mostly filling dimples in the field, and planting seed. Cleaning out the sheds of unused equipment was also recommended. Two of our fire extinguishers have been stolen, Bob reported, along with a stranded plane atop a tree at the west edge of the new northwest parking lot.

Remember to Take Home
All Trash You Create at the Field
Take Home Spectator Trash As Well

Safety Officer Chuck Bucci stressed pilots need to post their pilot licenses on the frequency board when coming to fly. Also he reminded pilots of the rule to have a spotter for each pilot when the field is busy, usually on weekends/holidays.

A Committee consisting of Chuck Bucci, Dell Fisher, and Jack Spindler agreed to serve to review officer benefits. Benefits can consist of free club membership and field license, and in a few cases, club paid AMA dues. These are not listed in the by-laws, therefore periodic review and club vote is necessary. Besides benefits, amount of pay for field cutting will be reviewed. Club president Tom Ryan read Fond du Lac Aeromodellers President Dave Elsinger's column on officer burn-out. Ryan noted he sometimes feels that condition.

Got Something to Sell? Besides the single 3"x5" index card you can post at the field, the November meeting will feature a Rummage Sale of modeling items.

Raffle Winners at the October meeting were: Dell Fisher of a donated "coffee table" sized aviation book; Marv Bishop and Bob Ehlers of fuel-gallons; Chuck Beauchamp of an on-board volt watcher, and later of a 1999 RC Models book; Bob Sadowski of a wing-center-

of-gravity balancer; Chuck Bucci of a metric allen wrench set; Bob Kabella, of a transmitter neck strap.

Using the Club Website: Call Keith Kittoe at (414) 421-3305 with help to log in at "www.rcslot.com/rams".

Models at the Meeting

Two pilots brought Show & Tell models to the October, 2009 meeting. They were Darrell Hossalla, and Steve Ward. (cont.p.4)



Above: Steve Ward showing revivals of some of his .049 control line models. The balsa version has a Cox engine with attached fuel tank & needle valve assembly; the plastic Messerschmitt has an integrated .049 of uncertain make, 1970s vintage.

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Models at the Meeting, Oct. 7,2209 (cont.)

Darrell Hossalla showed his China Model Products ARF (Almost Ready to Fly) model of a C-160 TravelAll cargo transporter. It came in a camouflage color scheme, but proved hard to see in when making landing approaches, given the heavy greenery of our field. He repainted it himself, and then had a friend spray a clear coat to make it fuel proof. The kit list price was \$269, but "Hoss" got a deal at \$125. He rates it an easy, slow flyer.



Above: Darrell Hossalla with his twin engine C-160 cargo carrier. The engines are a pair of OS .25 cu.in.



U.S. Navy Blue Angels C-130 Show Team support aircraft, July 12, 2005. Photo by Darrell Hossalla of Racine, WI at Janesville, Wisconsin Airport

Could the above photographs signal that "Hoss" has a soft spot for Hercules class cargo lifters? The above picture is from a 2007 issue of this newsletter.

Upcoming Swap Meets

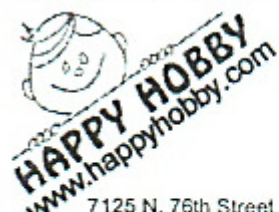
The "grand daddy" of all Wisconsin swap meets is probably what was originally called the "Brillion" event. It was always the first for the upcoming win-

ter schedule, and remains so, but it has moved a few miles farther up STH 57, east of Lake Winnebago. Whereas the original site was on USH 10, which is 72 miles north on 57/32 of the Milwaukee County line, it is now 16 mi. farther north at Van Veghel's Auction Service / Paluka's Pub & Grill, just south of De Pere, WI.

Calumet Flyers Annual Swap Meet & Auction
2050 Profit Place, De Pere, WI 8:30AM
\$5 Admission, Tables Free, Sunday Nov.15, 2009
Questions? Call Mick Warning 920-788-0162

The second auction/swap meet is the **32nd Annual at Waukesha County Expo, Sunday, Jan. 3, 2009** (9AM-2PM) sponsored by the **Milw. RC Assoc.** Take I-94 to J, south along the airport to Northview Rd, then west a mile. **Bob Kabella** is our Assoc. delegate and he seeks 7-10 volunteers to work a 2 hr. shift. You get free admission, the club gets \$10. Questions? Laurie Jones 461-6013 (see card below).

Proceeds each year from this event are shared back with the 16 area clubs that make up the Association. At its October 24th delegates meeting, the RAMS were awarded \$312 toward this past year's field improvements, and \$125 toward its Charity grants given out of the July 11, 2009 Fun Fly-In profits.



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Pilot Profile: Rick Weiner

by Russell Knetzger

Richard "Rick" Weiner has a modeling background going back some 30 years, when his son Dean was age ten. Rick then was helping Dean get into control line flying. Even though Rick is now the more active pilot at our field, Dean is still better known, being a salesman one night a week at Greenfield News & Hobby. Dean is their electric motor flight specialist.

About 4 or 5 years ago Rick got his new business pretty well established, and found time to consider a hobby. The business is in owning and managing rental housing. As a Christmas present Dean bought his father an indoor "park flyer." Light and easily crash repairable with cellophane tape, Rick taught himself to fly at Sussex Place (in Sussex) in their indoor sports space. Rick went through a number of such 5-6 oz. all-foam planes, learning to fly.

Rick then transitioned to outdoor flying at our County field in Franklin. Living in Greendale, the field is only a few minutes drive away. He moved from a "Slow Stik" to various other glow engine aircraft, having at one point a fleet of 35 hanging in his garage. Rick estimates he owned 75 or 80 models over those few years, including a "3D" (below), a sailplane or two, even a helicopter.



Lower left: Rick Weiner (Showtime 50 with .89 Saito 4-cycle engine), one of many flyable models hangered in his garage. Above: Rick kneeling next to his giant scale "Classic 84" at the Sep., 2009 RAMS club picnic. Purchased from another modeler 4 years ago, and gasoline powered, its carburetor was rebuilt for Rick by Bob Kabella, who took this picture.

Gradually Rick increased the size & complexity of his models to where he is now flying a pre-owned giant scale, gasoline powered "Classic 84", (see above). He gave it his maiden flight after the RAMS Picnic, September 19th. Rick enjoys its smooth, realistic flight and sound.

Rick's later arrival to R/C model aircraft (he is now age 62) may be due to his upbringing on Milwaukee's intensely populated East Side, near Bradford & Downer Avenues. This part of the city, wedged between the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan, does not have park space suit-able for model airplane flying. Rick graduated from Riverside High School.

Rick's prior occupations have been an appliance salesman, then manager-Sears Roebuck & Co.; later a co-partner in a tavern at Bellview and Bartlett; before joining other partners in a home improvement business that led to Rick buying and retaining properties in his own portfolio. This last occupation has given Rick the time to fly.

RAMS HORN, November, 2009, Russell Knetzger, Editor
Rainbow Aero Modelers Society, Franklin, Wisconsin

30th Annual Championship Event

U.S. Scale Masters, Sep.10-13, 2009

by Russell Knetzger, Judge, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Wenatchee, Washington: This town of 60,000 hosted the perfect model airplane contest. Perfect because of the site, the weather, and the extraordinary piloting those conditions fostered. A large turnout, of near 50 pilots, benefited.

Wenatchee is on the great Columbia River, almost halfway between Seattle and Spokane, in desert country just east of the Cascades. Sunshine 320 days a year. This is where Washington apples are grown, as well as cherries, and wine vineyards just starting, all by irrigation. With irrigation, the porous soils also make for perfect grass turf. The double surfaced runway, north 35 feet asphalt and the south in golf smooth grass, gave pilots the ideal choice of options. Most chose the grass (see photo).

This site was featured in the July, 2009 **AMA Model Aviation** magazine, because it was entirely built for the club (Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers) by Waste Management as part of a land swap with the club. The whole result is of national-level quality. Its clubhouse overlooks the pits, and provides a large sun-shaded veranda, backed by 1st-class toilets, a good-sized meeting space, plus kitchen. Contest officials were close to the action and comfortable in that air conditioned space.

Piloting was exceptional because for all three days until noon the site was cool and calm, and warmer afternoon winds remained light and down the runway. The dramatic backdrop may have added to the focus on good piloting. A final foothill of the Cascade mountains extends past the field, wrapping it along the east. A few camouflage planes almost disappeared into that backdrop, only adding to the flight realism.

Wenatchee's aviation claim to fame is in 1931 the first non-stop flight across the northern Pacific Ocean, originating in Japan, landed here. It was the **Miss Veedol**. As modeled in the photo, it was a Bellanca Skyrocket J-300, modified with a guppy addition under the front, to help hold 950 gallons of fuel to cover the 5,000 miles to Seattle. But socked in with fog there, the flight hopped the Cascades east to Wenatchee. On Sunday a full scale replica overflew the contest during its noon air show.

Top placers of the 2009 Scale Masters were:

Expert:Jeremy Fursman, Snoqualmie,WA DHTiger Moth

Team:Bill Ensley,(b)+B.Boland(p) Phoenix,Stinson SR10

Advanced:Bernie Boland, Phoenix,AZ Citabria

Open: Robert Blake, Newbury Park, CA A6M5 Zero

The 2010 championships will be in Rosewood, IN, near Louisville, KY, Sept. 16-19, 2010. As usual, static judging is Thursday, flying Friday-Sunday; Dale Arvin, CD, Paul Cain, Asst. CD.
Club Photo below: Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers

